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I am writing to you today in support of **HB-5570 - An Act Concerning the Danbury Fire Training Facility at Plumtrees Road**. The City of Danbury created this facility decades ago for the exclusive use of Danbury career and volunteer fire fighters training. Recently, the city invested municipal funds to completely rebuild the facility and currently allows neighboring community fire departments to use the facility for a nominal fee. **HB5570** asks to designate the Danbury Fire School as a state regional fire school.

Our bill personifies the need for state and regional cooperation as the City of Danbury has made a significant capital investment and is cooperating with our neighbors for use of the facility. The State of Connecticut has the opportunity to gain a regional fire school without a capital investment. This designation will allow the City of Danbury to attain operational funding as an incentive for embracing regional cooperation.

Thank you for your consideration of this initiative. This project is a good example of government best practices that leverages precious taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

Michael A. McLachlan